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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Nishikawa, et al. ) Group Art Unit 2674  
Appl. No. : 09/470,377 )  
Filed : December 22, 1999 )  
For : TOUCH-OPERATING INPUT )  
DEVICE, DISPLAY SYSTEM, )  
AND TOUCH-OPERATION )  
ASSISTING METHOD FOR )  
TOUCH-OPERATING INPUT )  
Examiner : R. Laneau )

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please cancel Claims 15 and 19 without prejudice.**

**Please amend Claims 1, 3, 7, 9-14, and 20 as follows:**

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1. ~~(Amended) A touch-operating input device comprising a display device for displaying operation function items and a touch panel which is provided separately from the display device and which is for selecting the function items by touch operation, wherein a touch-operation guide shape is formed on the touch-operation face of said touch panel, said touch-operating device further comprising control means for controlling said display device to display an image representing the touch-operation guide shape, the image being overlapped with the operation function items.~~

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